

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, ranking members Kissel and Fishbein, and members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am from Wallingford, and I am a supporter of CT Against Gun Violence. I am an older adult who is tired of hearing people claim that they do not have to wear face masks during a pandemic and that everybody who wants guns should get to have them because this is a free country. This is not a free country, and there are rules of decorum that those of us who care about our fellow humans follow because it is the right thing to do.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment was written a long time ago when people had different concerns about protecting themselves. It is no longer valid in our lifetimes, and I do not want to read about any more mass shootings, children accidentally killing themselves, domestic abusers killing others, or suicides by guns. Ct was bold to put in a law about domestic abusers not being allowed to own guns, and the whole country should strengthen and put such laws in place.

I am submitting this testimony in Support of HB-6355, An Act Concerning Risk Protection Orders.